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SEPTEMBER MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM AUGUST

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during September were up from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office. The price of corn, hay, oats, soybeans, winter wheat, and eggs decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$12.50 per hundredweight of milk sold during September, up 50 cents from August but \$6.50 less than September a year ago. Poultry producers received an average of 57 cents per dozen eggs sold, down 0.5 cents from August and 31.2 cents lower than last year.

Grain corn, at \$3.48 per bushel, was down 8 cents from August and decreased \$2.22 from last year. Hay averaged \$127.00 per ton, down \$5.00 from August and down \$26.00 from September 2008. Winter Wheat, at \$4.22 per bushel, was down 76 cents from August and decreased \$2.91 from September 2008. Soybeans averaged \$10.63 per bushel, down 10 cents from August. Oats, at \$1.74 per bushel, were down 21 cents from August and decreased \$1.30 from September 2008.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from August. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.0 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, onions, grapes, and apples and lower prices for wheat, soybeans, barley, and potatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, apples, and peanuts offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grape. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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